Central Health Services demanding suitable non-practising allowance (NPA) or permission in practice after working hours;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO). (a) to (c) Specialist Grade Officers Association of Central Health Service has submited representation to the Government demanding Non-practising Allowance 50 per cent of basic pay without any ceiling and as part of basic pay. The recommendation of IV Pay Commission in regard to rates of Non-Practising Allowance payable to doctors is still under consideration of the Government.

Inconvenience to passengers travelling in reserved compartments

1821. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to difficulties faced by passengers travelling in reserved coaches due to unauthorised passengers entering the reserved coaches;

(b) whether the ticket collectors concerned never bother themselves about the entry of such unauthorised passengers in the reserved coaches; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated to make the ticket collectors more vigilant an check the entry of unauthorised passengers into reserved coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) Preventing entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches is one of the duties of the Railway Staff including TTEs manning these coaches and any lapse in this regard is taken up.

The following steps have also been taken to prevent the entry of unauthorised persons in reserved coaches:—

(i) Short distance passengers including season ticket holders are debarred from travelling in reserved coaches.

(ii) Intensive ticket checking is conducted on sections where the problem of unauthorised short distance passengers entering into reserved coaches is rampant and the defaulters are taken up under the Indian Railways Act.

Railway Container Services

1822. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the railway stations where the domestic container service is available in the country;

(b) whether there has been increase or decline in the earnings from the container service during the last three years; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to make the domestic container service more popular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Domestic Container Service is available at New Delhi, Wadi Bunder (Bombay) Carnac Bridge (Bombay), Tondiarpet (Madras), Bangalore, Shalimar (Calcutta), Howrah (Calcutta) and Secunderabad terminals.

(b) There has been increase in the earnings from domestic container service during the last three years.

(c) Some of the steps taken to make the domestic container services popular are intensive marketing drives, personalised service to the customers, prompt supply of containers, close monitoring of transit time etc.

Criteria for Loan Licensing Facilities for Drug manufacturing

1823. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the finished medicines along with the composition of each for which manufacturing loan licence was granted to Glaxo, Hoechst, Fairdeal Corporation, German Remedies, Wockhardt, S.G. Pharmaceuticals under Drugs and Cosmetic Act;

(b) whether it is a fact that each of these units posses unutilised capacity of formulations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these small scale units do not possess required quality control and testing facilities;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for issuing loan licences to them;

(e) whether Government and State Drug Authorities made any inspection of the units before granting the loan licences;

(f) if so, when and what was the report in each case and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether Government have drawn any sample of these products; and

(h) if so, what are the names of products and what was the result in each case?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) to (h) State Drugs Controllers who are the licensing authorities grant loan licences in their States. Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the Rules thereunder all manufacturers are required to maintain adequate plant, machinery and quality control testing facilities. The State Drugs Control Authorities before grant of a loan licence are accordingly required to inspect and satisfy themselves that the manufacturing units have capacity to undertake manufacture of drugs on a Loan Licence basis. The State Drug Inspectors are required to check the quality of drugs manufactured in their States by drawing samples.

Computerisation of Trunk Exchanges

1824. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to computerise 26 medium sized trunk-exchangs in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following are the 26 medium sized trunk manual exchanges where certain trunk operations are to be computerised.

1. Jaipur
2. Indore
3. Amritsar
4. Chandigarh
5. Jalandhar